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"Good News Surrounds Us"

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ALAN WERTKIN OF THE ENERGY RESOURCE COMMITTEE discusses conservation techniques with concerned area residents at the first energy fair sponsored by the Southwick group. The fair was termed very successful in informing those who attended about the latest energy measures.

Photo by Andi Phelps.

Building Comm. Potter Suggests Established Hiring Auditor

By Connie Davis

Suffield: At last Thursday's meeting, Suffield selectmen unanimously approved a proposal to establish a Permanent Building Committee (PBC).

Administrative assistant Ron Birmingham submitted the four-point proposal for which an ordinance will be drafted by Town Counselor Charles Alfano and brought to Town Meeting for approval at the end of January or beginning of February.

Under the proposal, after the initial period of staggered terms, three of the six members would be appointed to four-year terms. The PBC will be composed of one member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, a selectman, an individual from the financial community, and three citizens with expertise in construction.

Commission members will investigate sites for future public buildings, consider requests by selectmen and town meetings for acquisition and construction, and arrange disposal of sites and buildings.

Detailed functions will include engaging architects and engineers, surveying and preparing sites, and entering into contracts for construction as authorized and delegated by Town Meeting.

In related business, West Suffield School, slated to be turned over to the town October 1, 1982, was discussed. Noting that South Street School, which closed in 1946 and stood vacant for 25 years, has been successfully renovated by Firestone, Selectman Don Robinson would like to involve private enterprise in helping determine the future of the site. Selectmen are interested in hearing from anyone in Suffield with suggestions concerning use of this property.

First Selectman Earl Waterman suggested that four or five of the six acres of West Suffield School property be retained by the town. Noting that West Suffield's commercial zone ends at the Holcomb property across the street, he suggested that a professional building might be erected on the school property.

Were the site used for commercial purpose, Waterman said it would necessitate extending the present commercial zone which ends at the opposite corner of Ratley and Mountain Roads.

In other business, selectmen announced appointment of Clara Broughton to the Social Services Commission, effective immediately until November, 1985.

To serve on the Recreation Commission are Warren Packard, whose term will run till April, 1985, and Steven Bombard, who will serve till April, 1984.

By Connie Davis

Suffield: Assessor John Potter Monday requested that the Board of Finance hire an auditor to inspect some of the 706 local personal property accounts.

Board members took the request under consideration for next year's budget.

According to Potter, when some of the 343 commercial and industrial accounts have been questioned, companies have not been direct in enumerating personal property.

A comparable audit accomplished in Windsor, cost \$5,000 in fees with grand list increases of \$2 million. An additional \$1.6 million in personal property assessments was voluntarily reported by taxpayers.

Considering the local 25.25-mill tax rate, such an audit in Suffield could increase town tax revenues by over \$12,000 at a cost to the town of about \$3,000.

In other business, at the request of Fire Commission Chairman Robert Day, the board voted to transfer \$5,876 in contingency funds for the fire department budget, necessitated mainly by unexpected repairs to fire engine No. 6.

Wild Turkey Licenses Ready

By Connie Davis

Suffield: Applications and consent forms for the 1982 Wild Turkey Season on state-owned land are available at Town Hall. Deadline for submitting applications is February 1st.

All applications received by that date are entered into computer. Valid applications are machine-scrambled, thus giving all applicants an equal chance.

The machine reads applications, looks at first choice of hunting areas, and assigns applications to proper season and area. When the quantity for established permit quota in an area has been filled, the process continues with the applicants' second, third, and fourth choices.

Deadline for submitting applications to hunt deer on state-owned land is March 15th.

Town Clerk Dorothy McCarthy said that the 1982 Deer and Turkey Hunting Field Guide with maps and information is available. She noted that about 500 sportsmen's licenses are sold in a year.

Town Holds Successful Energy Fair

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: While temperatures hovered near zero degrees and snow began to fall, local residents received instruction on how to keep their homes warm and safe this winter at the first energy fair sponsored by the Energy Resource Committee last Saturday.

Representatives from Northeast Utilities and the Weatherization Assistance and Resource Management program met with a steady stream of interested persons to explain various methods of heat conservation and to distribute weatherization kits. Several low and no-cost savings ideas were explained and a slide show was presented.

Sgt. Edward Pepe of the Southwick Fire Department offered a demonstration of safety procedures especially in the installation and use of wood and kerosene heaters.

Pepe said fire officials do not make these safety restrictions "just to make life difficult," and that there are valid reasons and oftentimes tragic experiences behind most safety rules.

The local energy group now has available a portable gun to check heat loss, and members of the committee will check any residence upon request.

The "E One Snoop" is used on the outside of a building to determine where heat is escaping, whether through window edges, cracks in the walls, or under eaves. According to committee member Roberta Lent, the checking process is very simple.

Also in attendance at the fair was a representative from the selectmen's office who took applications from eligible persons for fuel assistance.

Interstate Building Supply presented literature on the various energy-saving products available commercially.

Committee member Alan Wertkin felt this energy fair, the group's first major project, was successful. He said his group has also received support for the possible formation of fuel co-ops to enable less expensive purchase of most types of heating fuel, excluding electricity.

The committee is available with assistance for most energy problems, from information to actual volunteer installation of insulation for handicapped or elderly citizens. The group can make energy inspections and supply suggestions not only in winter, but also in warmer months.

Anyone interested in energy conservation is asked to contact a member of the committee: Roberta Lent, North Lake Avenue; Alan Wertkin, Buckingham Drive; or William Fearn, Coes Hill Road. They may also be contacted through Town Hall.

The Energy Committee, which operates without a budget, would like to express thanks to Our Lady of the Lake Church for the use of their hall for the fair and to volunteers who have assisted in the group's activities.

Comm. Suggests Outside Firm

By Andi Phelps

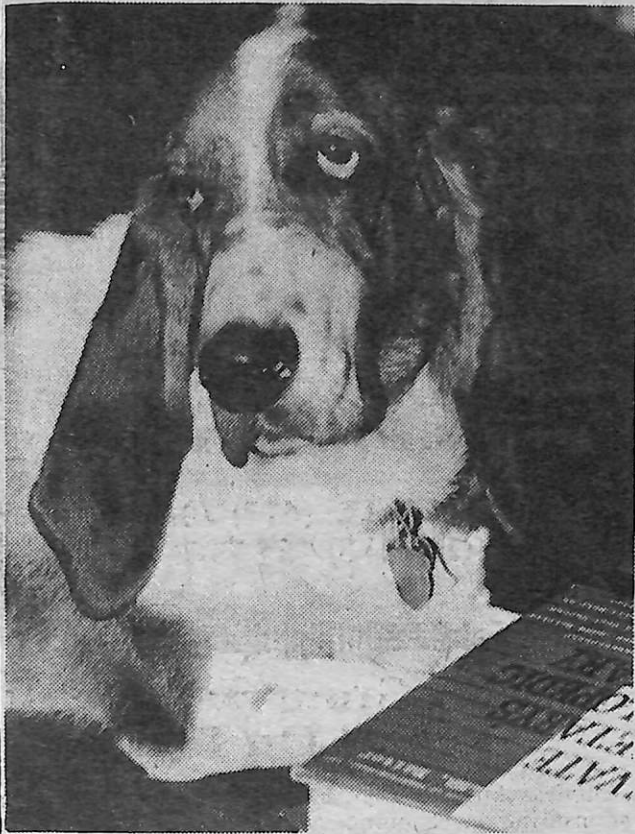
Southwick: Looking into possible savings for the school department recently, the Budget Study Committee suggested contracting an outside firm for janitorial service. According to estimates, a contractual agreement could save the school department \$37,000 annually and still supply custodial service at the pre-Proposition 2½ level.

Members of the group agreed there would be some problems arising from the proposal, but felt it was their function to make all possible suggestions to save funds for education.

According to officials, an outside firm could supply most of the personnel necessary to maintain the three school buildings in the manner they were kept up prior to budget cuts this year. Retaining five of the present custodial and maintenance crew would be necessary, especially for security.

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The Word Is...



This woebegone expression settled on the face of a local pup as his master set off to return to college after the recent semester break. Somehow the company of books just doesn't have the same effect on the dog as it does on his master. Photo by Nancy Butler.



Again complaints are rolling in about dogs roaming, especially in the early morning. We have found that the reason for this is when the dogs want out of the house in the early morning, the owners don't want to get cold, so they open the door and send the dogs on their way to do their thing in everyone else's yard.

This is causing many problems with dogs getting into garbage and dogs crossing the road. As we all know, winter driving is enough of a hazard without having to dodge dogs also. Just remember that if your dog causes an accident, YOU the owner, are responsible for any damage your dog causes.

This includes getting someone else's car fixed or replaced and taking care of any medical bills that might have to be paid because of the accident.

Any dogs picked up roaming will be impounded and will cost their owners \$10 to get their dog out of the pound and also the owner or keeper of the dog will be subject to a fine for letting their dog roam.

The only way to avoid the above fines is to keep the dog under control, go out with them in the morning and jog or walk; the exercise will do you good, and your dog will like it as well.

Many reports have been coming in to us about dogs chasing deer. There are no wild dogs doing this but your everyday house pet that you turn loose. Dogs chasing deer may be shot by the state game wardens.

Budget Study Committee, From Page 1

The town has budgeted \$167,593 for maintenance. One janitorial firm quoted a \$81,120 fee, which includes two matrons and most of the necessary supplies and equipment.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Louis Josselyn had 'mixed emotions' because of the obvious savings but indicated there would be the question of hiring and retaining quality help. Business Manager Kenneth Johnson was against spending money out of town while putting five local individuals out of work.

Study group member William Paules suggested hiring a group of local retired persons for approximately twelve hours a week to cover after-school activities at the buildings.

Paules also suggested the possibility of offering the janitorial contract for bid to the local men who would be laid off. He said, "You have to do something, but you are not willing to do anything."

Recommendation Made To Retain Bus Fleet

Regarding school bussing, the group felt it would be more economical to retain the bus fleet. According to Johnson, costs to maintain the local fleet of fifteen busses are similar to those paid by other towns which hire busses. He added that Southwick's fleet has always been well-maintained and have had good inspections.

Speaking to the panel, School Committee Chairman Priscilla Deveno urged support of the referendum to override Proposition 2½. She said Southwick has laid-off a higher percentage of teachers than other area communities with projections for more staff to be let go in order to comply with restrictions of Proposition 2½.

Mrs. Deveno said that if the town allowed even a 5% budget increase, it would be able to offer the staff a 5% raise and re-hire the five custodians laid off due to budget cuts.

Selectmen do not support an override, but will call for a referendum to let voters decide. A two-thirds vote of approval would allow unlimited budget increase; a majority vote would allow a 5% increase.

The study committee, composed of local business people, plans closed meetings to prepare a report for the School Committee. According to panel member Gilbert Arnold, their purpose is to suggest savings so the school department can keep as many teachers and courses as possible.

"Our purpose is to think the unthinkable," he said.

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A View From The Inside

By Ruth C. Fahrbach
CT. State Rep.
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Jobs For Minors

A broad range of jobs are permitted for young people in Connecticut, from employment in agriculture, banks, camps and government to particular work in industry.

Connecticut laws and regulations covering the employment of minors under the age of 18 are designed to safeguard their health and safety while working rather than to restrict or deny employment. There are, however, certain regulations enforced by the State Labor Department pertaining to minimum wages and hours, and working conditions.

Sixteen and 17-year-olds must secure employment certificates (work permits) from their schools. Each employer retain a copy of this employment certificate. Working papers are not transferable from one employer to another.

Generally, minors are permitted to work nine hours a day, 48 hours a week in jobs with manufacturing, mechanical, amusement and recreational establishments, bowling alleys and restaurants, and eight hours daily, 48 hours a week in mercantile jobs. No work by minors is permitted from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. in these job categories. However, 16 and 17-year olds who regularly attend school may work in a restaurant, cafe or dining room between 10 p.m. and midnight during vacations and only on days not followed by regular school sessions.

The state minimum wage is \$3.37. A beginner's rate at 85% of the minimum wage is permitted in certain employment categories for a specified number of hours. Minors between the ages of 16 and 18 employed by the state or any political subdivision and minors between the ages of 14 and 18 who are agricultural employees may be paid 85% of the applicable minimum wage. Some agricultural workers employed where there were eight or fewer employees at the same time in the preceding year may be paid 70% of the minimum wage.

Counseling, information and advice is available to teenagers and employers alike. Just direct your questions concerning employment of minors to the State Labor Department, 200 Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield, CT 06109 or call 566-4550.

If you are interested in a listing of the types of jobs available to minors, send your name and address to Jobs or Minors, c/o Ruth C. Fahrbach 15 Lester Lane, Windsor, CT 06095.

March Of Dimes Reading Olympics To Begin

By Connie Davis

Suffield: The annual March of Dimes "Reading Olympics" will begin at Spaulding School on January 25th with an assembly featuring a film with Jim Craig, Olympic hockey team goalie.

Principal Edwin Humphrey explained, "The Reading Olympics enables our students in grades three through five to read many books while they aid the March of Dimes."

Students solicit support from friends and neighbors who pledge money to be paid for each book read by the child. Funds collected are thereby turned over to the March of Dimes to aid in their endeavors.

Children who participate have the opportunity to win "Olympic" medals awarded according to the number of books read. A bronze medal goes to those who read four to nine books; a silver to those who read ten to nineteen books; and the dedicated reader who reads twenty or more books may claim the Olympic gold.

Students may also read newspaper articles to qualify for medals with ten articles equal to one book.

Emphasis in the Reading Olympics is on the number of books read, rather than the amount of money collected. In 1980, \$2,707.18 was raised for March of Dimes, and last year, the amount totalled \$1,375.28.

Firesafe Ideas

By the Suffield Firemen's Association, Inc.



The winter season is upon us with all its blanketing white beauty. Make it easier for your emergency services (Fire, Police and Ambulance) to help you. Consider the following.

1. Keep your driveways and sidewalks clear of ice and snow. Be sure all doors and exits are clear and accessible.

2. Be sure your house numbers are visible and not covered or blocked by ice and snow.

3. When calling for emergency response, state your name, the type and severity of the problem, and the EXACT location.

4. Try to have somebody stationed safely near the road edge to signal responding vehicles. If dark, use a flashlight.

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Southwick Vocalists At UMass

By Sherri Carpenter

Four Southwick High School vocalists were chosen to be in the Western Massachusetts District Chorus this year. Auditioning for the chorus took place at Ludlow High in November and sophomore Michael Bartley, junior Carrie Monahan, and seniors Susan Adams and Matthew Granger were accepted. A total of 150 students were chosen from participating Western Mass. high schools.

Bartley, a tenor, and Adams, a soprano, are both first year participants. Monahan has been accepted for three straight years as an alto. Granger, singing the bass part for two years, was rewarded further by receiving a recommendation by the adjudicators for the All-State Chorus.

On the program for the chorus is "Cry out and Shout" by Knut Nystedt, "The Silver Swan" by Orlando Gibbons, "Selections from Porgy and Bess" by George Gershwin, and "Ching-A-Ring-Cha" by Aaron Copland.

The chorus, along with the band, orchestra, and jazz ensemble will perform on Saturday, January 16 at 7:00 pm at the University of Massachusetts. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. The entire concert is sponsored by the Massachusetts Chapter of the Music Educators National Conference.

The Southwick High choral program is under the direction of Jack W. Lampiasi. The quartet's vocal coach is Karen Lamiasi.

Singer/Comedienne Show At Kent Library

Suffield: The Friends of the Kent Memorial Library will sponsor a performance by singer/songwriter/guitarist/comedienne Nancy Tucker on Sunday, January 31st at 3 p.m. at the library.

The public is invited to Ms. Tucker's show, which will appeal to all members of the family.

The Friends will hold a very brief arrival meeting preceding the show. Refreshments will be served at its conclusion.

Kent Library Sets Programs

Suffield: The Kent Memorial Library, in conjunction with the Suffield Fire Department, will be presenting a special program on wood stove safety on Tuesday, January 19th, at 7:30 p.m. at the library.

With the rise in the use of wood as a source of heat, so too has come an unnecessary rise in fires. The film and discussion conducted by representatives of the Fire Department will cover safe installation, operation and maintenance of a wood stove.

The Academy Award-winning film "King Kong" will be the next film shown in the library's Reel Evil film series set for Monday, January 25th at 7 p.m.

Feature films will be shown every other Monday evening, and a full schedule is now available at the circulation desk. Admission is free and open to all.

On Wednesday, January 27th, the library, in conjunction with the Connecticut Society for C.P.A.'s, will present a program on the impact of the new federal tax laws on the average taxpayer. Neil Begley, an Enfield CPA, will outline the major changes as they affect individuals and shed some light on the myriad technicalities involved. A question and answer period will follow. Admission is free and open to all.

The library's bi-weekly series of program for senior citizens will continue on Wednesday, January 27th, at 10 a.m. with the return of popular poet Stephanie Alaimo at the West Suffield Congregational Church on Mountain Road.

Mrs. Alaimo will read some of her own works and conduct a discussion of poetry. Those with favorite poems or works of their own are encouraged to bring them.

The Suffield Recreation Department will follow the program with a luncheon. Free minibus transportation is available and the program and lunch are open to all.

For more information on any of these programs, call the library at (203) 668-2325.

Suffield Calendar Of Events

Sponsored By The Friends Of The Kent Memorial Library

Mon., Jan. 18: Fire drill, 7 p.m., Central Firehouse; Fire Comm., 7:30, East St. Firehouse; Social Services Comm., 7:30, Laurel Court; Zoning & Planning Comm., 7:30, Town Hall; Prayer Mtg., 8, Sacred Heart hall; Knights of Columbus, 8:15, St. Joseph's hall (social meeting)

Tues., Jan. 19: Free blood pressure clinic, 7:30, Emergency Aid Assn. Bldg; Rotary Club, 6, Suffield Inn; Boy Scout Troop 260, 7, St. Joseph's hall; Apollo Lodge, 7:30, 150 Bridge St.; Conservation Comm., 7:30, Town Hall; Women's Guild, Second Baptist Church, 7:30, Fellowship Hall; Board of Education, 8, McAlister School; Sacred Women's Guild, 7:30, Parish Hall (Mother-Daughter night)

Wed., Jan. 20: Child and Family Services Thrift Shop open 10-3:30 Wed., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. (10-1)

Thurs., Jan. 21: Advisory Council on Capital Expenditures, 7:30, Town Hall; Holy Name Society Bingo, 7:30, St. Joseph's hall

Sun., Jan. 24: Kent Memorial Library open 1-4:30

Jaycees' Activities

Suffield: The Suffield Jaycees will hold their annual "Skate Sunrise" at Sunrise Park on January 17th from 1 to 4 p.m., weather permitting. If the lake is not sufficiently frozen on that date, the event will be rescheduled to January 31st.

Coffee, hot chocolate, and doughnuts will be served. Everyone is invited to attend and have a good time.

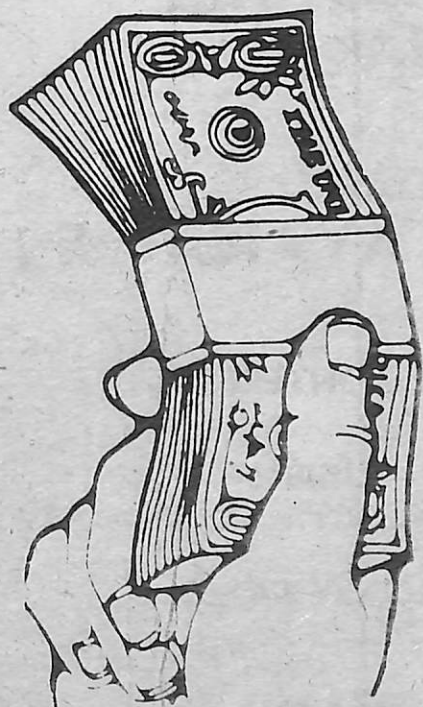
On Tuesday, February 2nd, Attorney Thomas McCabe Jr. will be the guest speaker at the Jaycees regular monthly meeting at the Suffield Inn at 7:30 p.m.

Attorney McCabe's topics will include estate planning, wills, trusts, and others. Anyone interested in attending is welcome to do so.

The Jaycees are proud to announce that Malcomb Vakalis has been voted jaycee of month for December. Vakalis was chairman of the Santa Visitation Project, which was a huge success.

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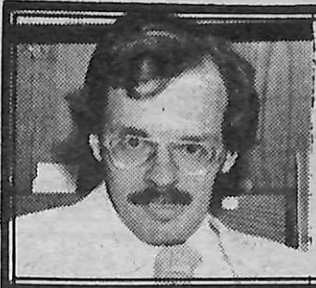
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The Library Link

By Eugene Biggio

We're now approaching what's called the "dead of winter," and while the snow, sleet, hail, and rain are temporary inconveniences for most of us, those who normally have a difficult time getting around find that task even more complicated.

The library has a service for those who, for physical reasons, cannot come to the library. The Book Shuttle will bring books to your door and then return and pick them up again. You can either request specific titles and subjects or let the library staff select for you based on what your interests are. Library service is only a telephone call away!

Some timely and practical titles can be found on the new book shelf this week. Just published and bound to be asked for is Michael Dobbs' *Poland, Solidarity, Walesa*, a clear and photo-filled story of the Polish leader, his movement, and Poland itself. Michael Dobbs was the first western journalist admitted to the Gdansk shipyards in the strike of August, 1980, and his book contains anecdotes, analyses and interviews with Walesa and other leaders.

Mr. Bad Wrench is a disturbing look at the auto repair business. Arthur Glickman investigates the eye-opening tricks of the trade and tells how to fight back.

Book Discussion Group Changes Meeting Time

Suffield: The Kent Memorial Library book discussion group will be meeting on Thursday, February 4th, at the new time set for 7:30 p.m.

The group will discuss Fyodor Dostoevsky's classic book *Crime and Punishment*. Copies of the book are now available at the library. The group is open to all and meets on the first Thursday of each month.

For more information, call 668-2325.

REMINDER

**Deadline For News Items
Is Wednesday 5:00 P.M.**

Those on the job hunt will want to take a look at the two new resume writing books that have been received. *Resume Writers Handbook* features a long introductory chapter on resume theory and technique, while the remainder of the book offers examples of resumes in a number of categories. The new edition of the standard work *Resumes for Better Jobs* has also been received. It is a compendium of sample resumes in 200 job classifications.

New among the fiction is *The Man Who Would Not Die: An Unusual Ghost Story* by Thomas Page. It's the story of a Frankenstein-like revival of a seemingly dead plane crash victim and the extra-worldly events among the man's associates as he clings to life aided by life support systems.

Hours of Light by Janet Tanner is set in World War I England. It is concerned with the Halls, a family of miners whose struggles, ambitions, and secrets become threatened and yet made more intense by the conflagration.

Jessica Stirling has written a sequel to the popular *Drums of Time*. *Blue Evening Gone* finds Holly Beckman seemingly happy at thirty until an unexpected affair, sudden family problems, and a thorny problem with the mob turn her world upside down.

A new sleuth on the crime beat is Neal Rafferty, an offbeat and streetwise private eye in Chris Wiltz' *The Killing Circle*. Often brooding, never quick to act, Rafferty sets about to solve a murder and finds the evidence piling up too close to home.

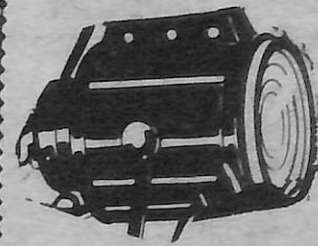
Finally this week is a collection of science fiction short stories from the Soviet Union, *World's Spring*. The very readable translations represent some of the best work of Soviet authors and cover a wide range of topics.

Southwick Scouts Slate Annual Pinewood Derby

Cub Scout Pack 118 of Southwick will hold its annual Pinewood Derby on Sunday, January 24th, at the American Legion Hall off Powder Mill Road beginning at 1 p.m.

All participating cubs will weigh in their cars and be ready for a 1:30 race.

Each boy will receive a ribbon for participation in this event. First place winner for each den will receive a trophy, and a large, grand prize trophy will go to the winner from the pack. Winners will then be eligible to participate in the area and then the national races.



SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS

Southwick Srs. Menus

Mon., Jan. 18: Chicken filet, whipped potato, corn, 3-bean salad, wheat bread w/marg., apricots, milk

Tues., Jan. 19: Baked meat lasagna, green beans, cucumber salad, rye bread w/marg., sliced peaches, milk

Wed., Jan. 20: Liver & onions, oven browned potato, broccoli, wheat bread w/marg., fresh apple, milk

Thurs., Jan. 21: Baked haddock w/tartar sauce, O'Brien potatoes, stewed tomatoes, carrot raisin salad, roll, peach crisp, milk

Fri., Jan. 22: Chicken 'n gravy, whipped potato, peas, cranberry sauce, rye bread w/marg., banana, milk

The January meeting of Southwick senior citizens will be postponed until Tuesday, February 8th, due to lack of attendance.

The Southwick Senior Trolley needs riders! The bus can transport you to the Center for lunch at noon or just for social activities daily, such as card-playing, television, or visiting with friends.

The bus will pick you up from the Senior Center around 3:30 each weekday. Try it; you might like it.

Joan Randolph is still home recuperating, and cards and letters would be appreciated.

Isabelle Williams and Marian Nash are in Noble Hospital and might like to hear from friends. Isabelle is in Room 243 and Marian in 319.

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Safety Suggestions

By Lt. Robert Williams
Suffield Police Dept.



Winter Driving Safety Hints

With winter upon us, we must make changes in our driving habits. Snow and ice present special conditions that motorists must adjust to. By following the suggestions below for winter driving, you will improve your chances of having an accident free winter.

1. Clean ALL windows on the car before driving so that vision is unimpaired.
2. Be sure your vehicle is equipped with good tires, and a defroster and windshield wipers that function properly. Be sure that your vehicles exhaust system is in good condition to avoid the chance of being overcome by carbon monoxide.
3. REDUCE YOUR SPEED substantially. Snow and ice on the highway increases stopping distances. Be alert for icy spots in shaded areas and ice on bridge surfaces even though roads appear clear.
4. Be alert for parked cars and children playing along the road. Snow plowed to the edge of the road decreases the width of the road.
5. If your car begins to skid do not step on the brakes. Steer your vehicle into the skid and correct the skid to regain control.
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9. During and after snowstorms do not leave your car parked on the highway where it will hamper snow removal operations.



Tripping About

By Jeanne Gilbert

Owls Nest Restaurant Good New Hampshire Spot

If you love good food, are crazy about stained glass, antiques and owls, and just happen to be in the vicinity of Lebanon, New Hampshire, head straight for the Owls Nest Restaurant.

From the outside the Owls Nest is not very impressive. That quickly changes when you are shown to your table. The rustic charm of the Owls Nest is enhanced by the 210 authentic antique lighting domes, made by such companies as Bradley and Hubbard, Springfield Shade Company, and of course, Tiffany.

There are 73 beautiful stained glass windows and panels throughout the restaurant. The owl logo that appears on the napkins, menu and in ads are taken from a unique 4'x6' leaded glass window from a Boston mansion. Don't miss seeing the antique phone booth with stained glass panels which is most unusual.

In the Silver Dollar Lounge you will find a pair of lovely glass panels that were commissioned in France by an Englishman and was located after being stored in crates for over 50 years. Also in the lounge take a look at the front of the bar which contains 1,028 silver dollars dated from 1878 to 1928.

Lovely carved marble sideboards, owls of every size and description, and antiques galore makes this an antiques-lovers paradise.

The Owls Nest's great menu has something to suit everyone's taste. I'm sure you will be delighted with the huge 22 foot long salad bar which has such a large variety of food that is almost a meal in itself.

Dinners range in price from \$7.50 to \$12.95. This includes your entree, the great salad bar and the choice of potato, rice pilaf or vegetable. I had the smaller cut of prime rib while my husband choose the sword fish. Each were cooked to perfection.

The waitresses were very efficient and most accommodating. On Friday and Saturday night you can enjoy a seafood buffet and Sunday is "Family Day". Children under 12 dine free from the children's menu when accompanied by an equal number of adults.

Our only complaint: The Owls Nest Restaurant is so far away.

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Views From The Volunteers

By Lt. Ed Pepe
Southwick Fire Dept.

This week's article is going to take on a different form than past articles. This week I wish to explain why fire prevention people in general speak out so strongly about fire safety.

This idea came about on a recent Saturday while I was listening to a conversation between customers in a local store. Some of the comments were, "Well, firemen always make things look worse than they are," and "Firemen try to scare people with their regulations and rules."

Well, perhaps some of this is true; we do try to tell people of the dangers of fire, try to regulate hazards, try to avert problems by educating the public and all-in-all, we try to do our jobs in protecting the public.

Many of us have seen the faces of people who look back at their home when fire has destroyed their nice things and memories. One can never forget the look when a parent watches his child or children being placed in an ambulance after being overcome by smoke.

The dangers of fire are ever-present and the Fire Department's responsibility is to do everything in its power to prevent fires before they start.

A regulation that has recently been re-emphasized is the law about space heaters. True, the new units are called by other names, but they are still open flame heaters. The law clearly states these are not to be used in any building where people live.

Perhaps if I explain the problems that arise from space heaters, you will better understand their dangers. The biggest problem is that space heaters burn oxygen, and in today's homes, the drafts have all been sealed so the oxygen supply will run out. The question is if the burner will go out first or will you run out of breathing air first.

The second hazard is the instability of the units in their tipping over. Sure, the manufacturers tell us they have developed new safety switches that stop the fuel flow, but even the technologists in the space program had problems with their equipment. If this safety device should fail and the unit be tipped over, flammable fuel would pour out on the floor and ignite. Even if the fire house were next door, we would be hard-pressed to save you from the fire that would develop.

The third and most likely problem is maintenance of the equipment and use of the proper fuel. This burner needs continual maintenance. The wick should be kept trimmed; the fuel level checked; and only the manufacturer's recommended fuel should be used.

We, firemen, understand that it is expensive to keep your home warm during the winter, but think of the cost of losing your family heirlooms or the tragedy of losing a loved one in a fire caused by a device used to save money.

The picture at the top of each of my columns is a teddy bear dressed as a fireman. When you think of the teddy bear, think of love - our love and concern for you.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Developmental Reading Program Working In Suffield

By Lil Devin

According to McAlister Middle School Principal Anthony Kula, the developmental reading program at his school is another program geared toward the varying levels of all 455 students in that building.

He says the reading program offers students wider exposure to developmental reading ability. Its intent is to get students to do as much reading as possible and it develops comprehension, vocabulary, and speed-reading skills.

In addition, a remedial reading program is offered on a one-to-one basis for those students who have reading difficulties.

Students participate in the developmental reading program three times a week; however, says Kula, students taking a foreign language unfortunately are not able to take part in the program. "We can only do so much in six and a half hours a day," he notes.

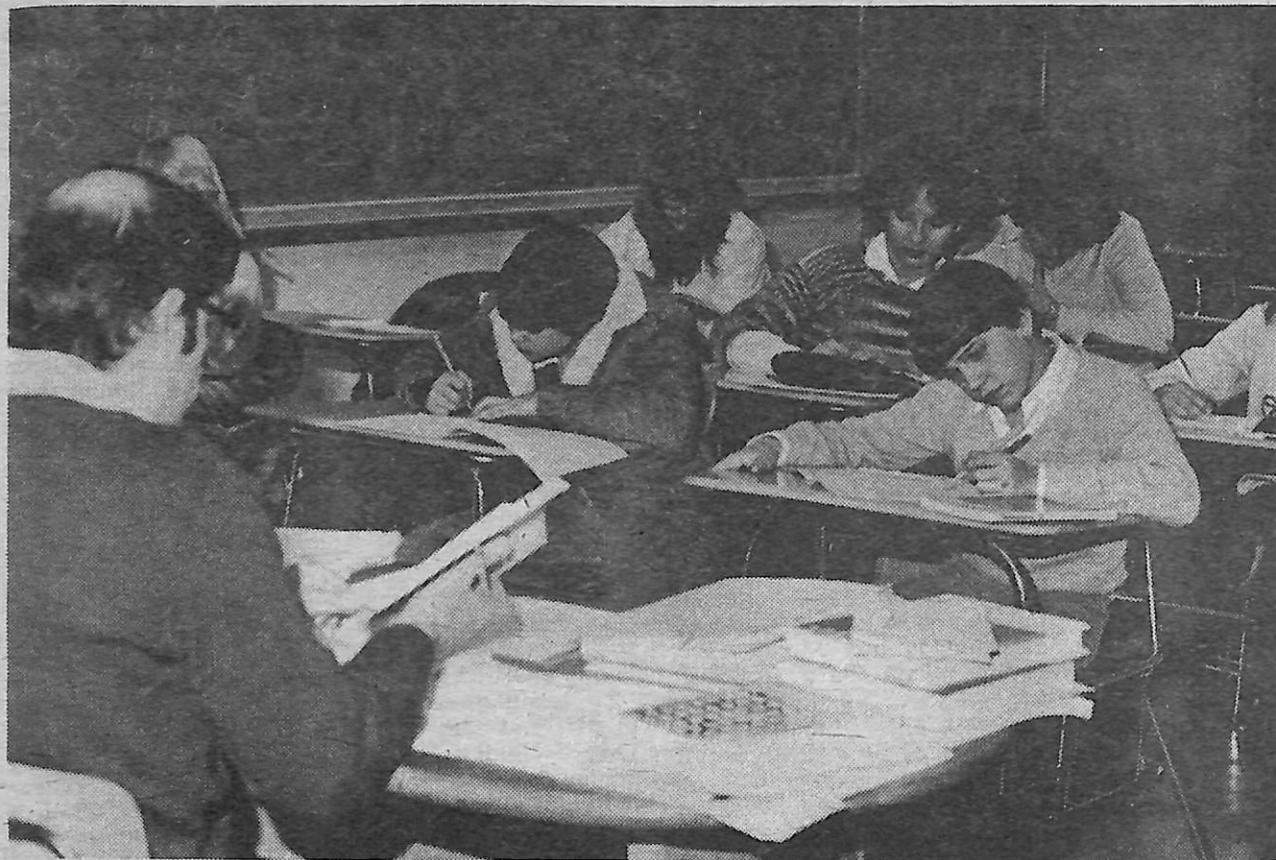
In addition to basic English, math, and science programs, all students must be involved in music, life education, home economics, and industrial arts. Kula claims scheduling becomes a constant game of readjusting, and sometimes there simply is not enough time in the day for students learning foreign languages to get involved in developmental reading.

A new program in the area of reading, instituted only weeks ago, is the Library Media Skills instruction in which students learn the proper way to research and write term papers.

Every student has received written instruction in this area, and every student entering sixth grade in years to come will also be taught library skills.

All teachers are encouraged to assign research papers in their classes based on the Library Media Skills model. In this way, they hope to expose all students to and develop skills in writing a term paper.

According to Kula, this type of instruction is progressive, and students will be continually taught in more depth as they acquire the more basic skills.



STUDENTS IN MR. BOB OKUN'S developmental reading class Sharon Hopkins (hidden by Mr. Okun), Jackie Moore, Jay Osowiecki, David Teasinski, Ida Taria, Michelle Meloney and Peter Glynn learn reading skills. Advertiser/News photo by Jim Nelson.

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Wed., Jan. 20: Lasagna, hot French bread, lettuce and spinach salad, banana, milk
Thurs., Jan. 21: McAlister & Elementary schools: salad bar; High School: steak and cheese grinder, potato puffs, apple, milk
Fri., Jan. 22: Roast turkey w/gravy, mashed potato, vegetable sticks, ice cream, milk

Adult Education Classes Slated

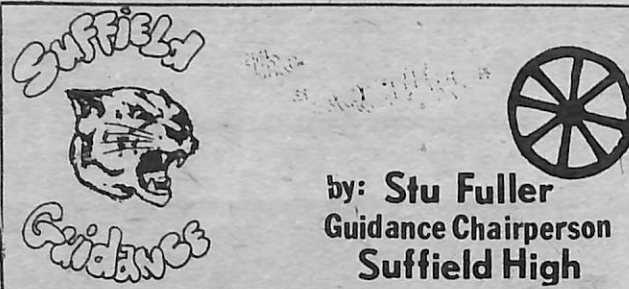
Suffield: Anthony Kula, principal of McAlister Middle school and director of adult education for Suffield, has announced that registration for the Adult Education Evening Classes will be held on January 20th at the school's main office at 260 Mountain Road.

Some of the courses being offered include the following: Art of Batiking, Monday, 7-9 p.m.; Woodworking and Refinishing, Wednesday, 6:30-9:30; Sewing, Thursday, 6:30-9:30; Crafts for Children, Thursday, 6-8 p.m.; Machine Quilting, Monday, 7-9; Also, Basket Weaving, Wednesday, 6:30-8:30; Beginner Stained Glass, Tuesday, 7-9; Intermediate Stained Glass, Thursday, 7-9; Pillow Making, Tuesday, 7-9; Tailoring, Wednesday, 7-9; Refresher Typing, Monday, 7-9;

Also, Conversational Spanish, Tuesday, 7-9; Conversational German, Wednesday, 7-8; and Oriental Rug Making, to be announced.

Anyone interested in any of these courses may attend the registration period. Most courses require a \$10 fee, and teachers may require additional fees for any necessary materials they will supply.

Registration will be held at McAlister Middle School from 7 to 9 p.m. Classes are scheduled to begin the week of January 25th.



by: **Stu Fuller**
Guidance Chairperson
Suffield High

Friday, the 22nd, marks the end of semester one at the high school. Parents will probably start seeing more studious children for the next few days as most strive to get caught up in their classes and cram for mid-year finals.

On January 20th, at 7 p.m., there will be a discussion at the high school with interested parents and guardians about college testing preparation and requirements. Counselors and specialists will be on hand to share information and answer questions regarding Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT's) and their counterparts. The meeting has been set up by Dr. Johnson at the request of high school parents Advisory Council. We invite all who are interested to attend.

The holidays have produced numerous additions to our "College Accepted" board. Nancy Mann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mann of 595 North Main Street has been granted early decision admission at Colgate. As was noted in an earlier column, such acceptance is given only to superior candidates and is a significant honor in itself.

Congratulations also to Carole Minninger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Minninger, 62 Sunnyview Drive, who has been accepted to and plans to attend Butler University in Indiana, and to Dawn Cummock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Cummock, 87 South Main Street, who has been accepted to the University of Maine at Orono.

Maura Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Sullivan, 10 Valleyview Drive, and Tammy Kuras, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kuras, 1901 Mountain Road, have both been accepted to the University of Hartford where they will both attend.

*Sue George, daughter of Mrs. Natalie George, 16 Pebblestone Circle, has been accepted to Mitchell College, and Scott Mandirola, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mandirola, 1600 North Street, has been accepted to three schools: Nasson, Keene State, and Franklin Pierce.

Callie Glass, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Glass, 96 Randall Drive, has been accepted to Western Connecticut State, and Lou Ann Charbonneau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Charbonneau, 130 Wendover

Southwick School Lunch Menus

POWDER MILL & HIGH SCHOOL

Mon., Jan. 18: Hamburger on roll, sliced cheese, potato rounds, chilled fruit, milk
Tues., Jan. 19: Chicken vegetable soup, sausage & pepper grinder, shredded cheese, vegetable sticks, jello with topping, milk
Wed., Jan. 20: American chop suey, shredded cheese, buttered corn, tossed salad, bread & butter, cake with icing, milk
Thurs., Jan. 21: Salisbury steak with gravy, whipped potatoes, peas & carrots, bread & butter or peanut butter, dessert, milk
Fri., Jan. 22: English muffin pizza with meat & cheese, Popeye salad, fruit, milk

WOODLAND SCHOOL

Monday: Same
Tuesday: Chicken vegetable soup, bologna & cheese sandwich, vegetable sticks, jello, milk
Wednesday: Same
Thursday: Turkey & gravy on bread, buttered green beans, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, chocolate whip with topping, milk
Friday: Same

Kindergarten Sessions To Be Reversed Soon

Southwick: Kindergarten sessions at Woodland School will be reversed beginning February 1st. The children who have attended morning session during the first half of the year will attend in the afternoon, and the present afternoon group will attend in the morning for the remainder of the year.

Kindergarten hours will remain the same: 9-11:30 a.m. for the morning group and 12:30-3 p.m. for the afternoon group.

Road, has been accepted to Bay Path Junior College. Bob Psholka has added Western New England College, and Andy Hryniewicz has added New Hampshire College to their lists of accepted.

Any senior presently receiving any social security benefits is encouraged to meet with counselor as soon as possible. There is a strong possibility that benefits will be curtailed in the future, and, therefore, college plans could be seriously affected.

Connecticut Scholastic Achievement Grant Program, formerly known as the State of Conn. Scholarship Program, applications are due by February 1st. Eligible students to this program, the top 10% of their class or those with total SAT's of 1200, should be sure forms have been given to their counselors. Past graduates presently enrolled in college will also be eligible this year.

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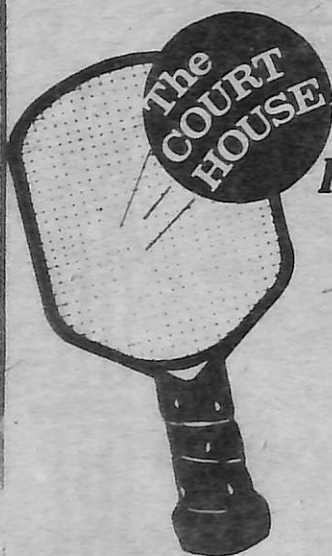
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Southwick Nurse Maintains Fast & Furious Pace

By Claudia Scott

Southwick: With over 1,700 children in the Southwick Public School System, it is easy to believe that "hardly a day goes by that something unusual doesn't happen to keep my job interesting."

This statement by Sophia Swochak, the system's only fulltime nurse, sums up a busy schedule covering the three Southwick schools daily.

Ms. Swochak, a registered nurse, has seen some interesting changes in the health program since she became the school nurse in 1948 during the days when small pox and tuberculosis were still a health threat. Annual immunizations have now ceased to be given as part of the school program.

Home visits to families with health problems and possibly contagious diseases used to be made because, until various vaccines were introduced, it was a sure bet that if one child came to school with an illness, that sickness would spread throughout the entire class.

The school health program offers many services for the students. Because good health is an important factor in a child's performance in school, these services are vital.

Services include physicals which are given by school physician, Dr. Kellogg, to children in grades kindergarten through four, seven, and ten. All youngsters have to be checked for or given mandated inoculations. Proper immunization must be certified and then reported to the Boston office, a time-consuming task.

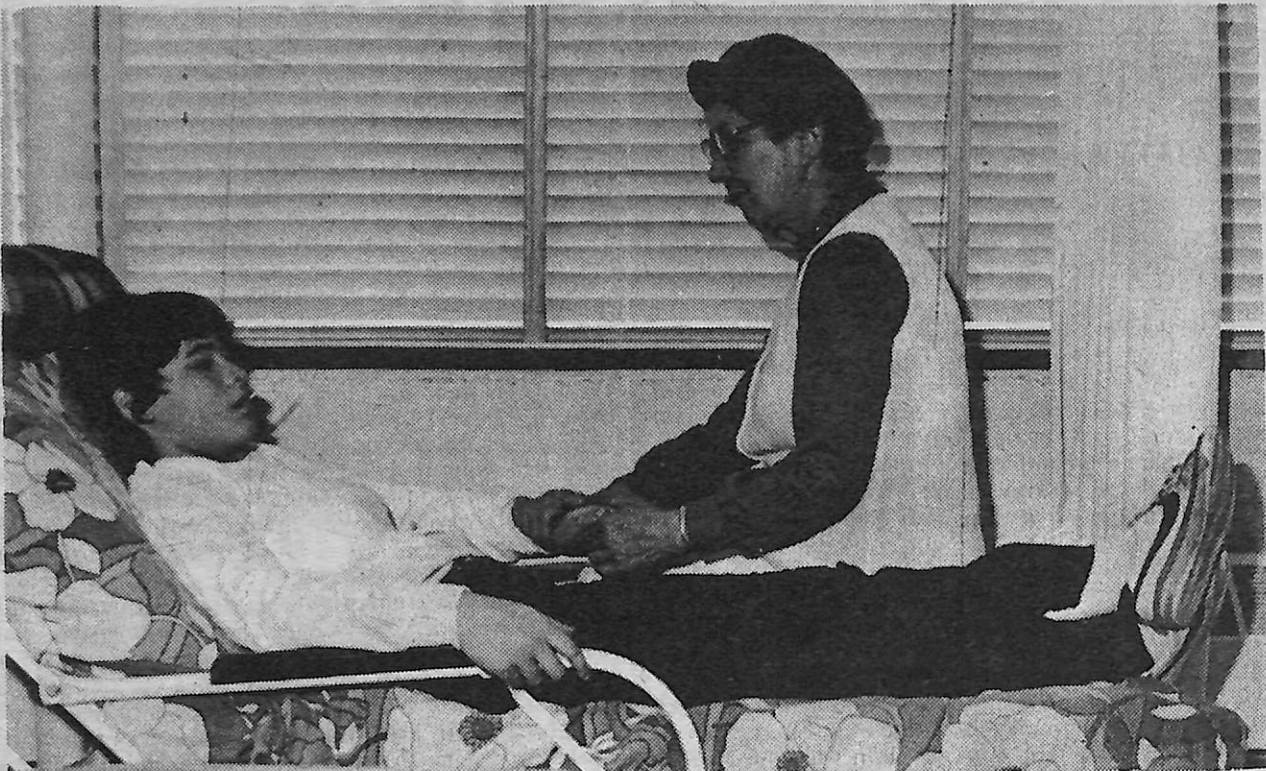
Physicals for students in athletics must be arranged for every sports season.

Children in grades kindergarten through four and six are given dental examinations by Dr. Jerome Azia. Surveys are done at these grade levels because they are crucial points in dental health for children and many problems can be corrected at those times if parents are made aware of them.

Confidential lists are prepared every year so teachers are aware of potential problems certain students may have. These lists indicate which students have serious health problems that may require immediate care, students with conditions that are under control, and those who have conditions a teacher just needs to be aware of.

Although Ms. Swochak does not treat any health problems other than with basic first aid and the taking of a child's temperature, she does decide what care must be given when a child comes to her.

Determining whether a child will remain in school go home, or go to the hospital depends upon the illness or injury. If the problem is serious Ms.



SOUTHWICK'S SCHOOL NURSE SOPHIA SWOCHAK checks the pulse and temperature of Powder Mill student Yvonne DeVerry. Sophia has been the school system's nurse since 1948 and says that despite the many changes in health care that have occurred over the past 4 decades of service to the school system, the common cold and flu remain a plaguing malady for students. Advertiser/News photo by Jim Nelson.

Swochak always tries to contact parents first, if possible.

She laughs that sometimes she really has to search for the "serious cut" on the finger of a kindergartener, which immediately "gets better" when she washes the tiny scratch with disinfectant.

However, unless she is positive of a feigned illness, Ms. Swochak gives the child the benefit of the doubt because 99% of the time, the headache or stomachache is real. These symptoms include pains which may have no other cause than tension over a bad day for the child. "It's very real for them, so I try to put them at ease," she relates.

The second half of the school year requires giving booster shots (diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis), oral polio immunizations, and mumps/measles/German measles shots. Again, all the record keeping required by law takes up any "free" time.

Coming up soon are physicals for the morning session of kindergarteners and the eye/ear testing. R.N. Susan Lever helps out with testing clinics, which are held for all children.

Because Ms. Swochak has been the school nurse for 33 years, it is difficult to separate her from the program when reviewing it. As Connie Johnson, a secretary at Powder Mill School, states, "Sophia has given so much of herself to the school. The program works because of her concern and all the time she devotes to it."

Ms. Swochak has a word of advice to parents in this cold and flu season. If a child is sick in the morning please keep him at home. Because it is very difficult to contact parents when a child is ill, don't risk making your child upset and uncomfortable by sending him to school.

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SPORTS/RECREATION

Southwick Girls Hoop 4-0 In League

By Chris Hout

Forward Karen Schulz and guard Kim Florek teamed up for 25 points Thursday night to lead the Southwick Rams to an easy 57-19 victory over Easthampton in girls high school basketball action.

The victory leaves the Rams with a 7-1 record. Southwick had their six game winning streak snapped last Monday night against tough Granby, 55-46.

In addition to Schultz' 13 points and Florek's 12, the Rams received scoring punch from Kim Hepburn with 7 and Pam Kirsche with 7. Junior Avola Brown turned in a yeoman's effort under the glass, filling in for Jesse Hansen who was sidelined due to illness.

"This was a tough game mentally for us," explained Southwick coach Jim Vincent. "We were coming off that big game with Granby and we knew we were going against a weaker team tonight. I think the team plays as hard as it has to. We are very young and don't really have a killer's instinct yet."

The Rams ran away with this one early as Schulz, Florek and Hepburn got hot right off the bat. Vincent's troops then coasted through the rest of the way without a worry.

In last Monday's action against Granby, the Southwick side fell into serious foul trouble in the early going and lost their first game of the season.

Cindy Lapan recorded 4 first quarter fouls and other Ram starters found themselves playing with 2 or more.

"We just ran out of gas against them," said Vincent. "I didn't realize we were playing with as many fouls as we were. When I did it was too late. It's partly my fault."

Vincent added, "Granby is a good team but they can be beaten. I don't think they can beat us on our home court, but we'll have to wait and see."

The Rams are currently 4-0 in the confines of the Southwick gym. Southwick will entertain Granby on February 4th in a game that could amount to more than just your average high school basketball game.

Southwick's next game is Monday, January 28th at Ludlow. The Rams next home game is next Thursday against Hampshire, the biggest game of the year

Hoopsters Await Big Ware Showdown

By Chris Hout

Senior guard Dave Reed poured in a game high 18 points while grabbing 11 rebounds and center Allan Swanson scored 12 points and corralled 10 bounds as the Southwick Rams dumped Palmer, 73-51 in Western Mass. schoolboy E Division play Tuesday night.

The victory raises Southwick's record to 7-0 and set-up a big showdown with defending league champion Ware on Friday, January 15. Ware is also undefeated in league play. (complete details of the Ware game will be featured in the next issue of the *Southwick-Suffield Advertiser/News*).

"The kids seem really confident going into the Ware game," said Southwick coach Bob Lawless at presstime. "We have to get them into a running game. If we try and play their inside game with them we could be in for a long night. They are extremely big."

Ware is led by All-Western Mass center Carl Chrabaszcz. Chrabaszcz towers at 6-7 and is an awesome rebounding force in the area. Other Ware standouts include forward Brian St. Onge and guard Bill Joe Robidoux.

"They'll make us shoot from the outside and try and control the boards," said Lawless, describing Ware's game plan. "In order to beat them we'll have to play a great all around game."

Just how good is Ware, you ask? "There is no doubt in my mind that Ware could compete in A Division ball," said Lawless of the 1981 Western Mass. Division III runner-ups. "They are so big and so quick that they could hang with the best of them in Division I and Division II."

In Tuesday's action, the Rams placed five players in double figures to account for the blowout. In addition to Reed and Swanson, Mike Molta, Daryl Leville and Todd Typrowicz all reached the double digits for the locals.

"I was afraid our team would overlook Palmer in view of the Ware game," said Lawless. "But we played a helluva game. Palmer is a lot better team than they showed us."

The Rams never trailed. They exploded for 43 points in the first half while limiting Palmer to just 20.

Wrestlers Continue To Take Lumps

By Chris Hout

The Southwick wrestling team continues to have their problems in the tough Division I wrestling circuit.

The Rams, who were forced into Division I from Division II due to the budget restraints of Proposition 2 1/2, were handed their fourth consecutive defeat of the season, a 62-0 drubbing at the hands of the Agawam Brownies at Agawam High School.

Five of Southwick's nine wrestlers were pinned. Dave Deray (121) lost a tight 9-7 decision, Danny Cook (147) lost a second close one, Doug Hale (157) was defeated by Agawam's fine Keith Mercadante, and at 169, Eric Leavitt was decided 3-2 by Agawam's Dan Giordano.

The four received much praise for their efforts against the Brownies from Southwick coach Bob Thompson.

"Agawam is very tough," said Thompson. "What can you do against a school with that much experience on the mat? Agawam could be the darkhorse in the division this year although I look for Classical to win it all."

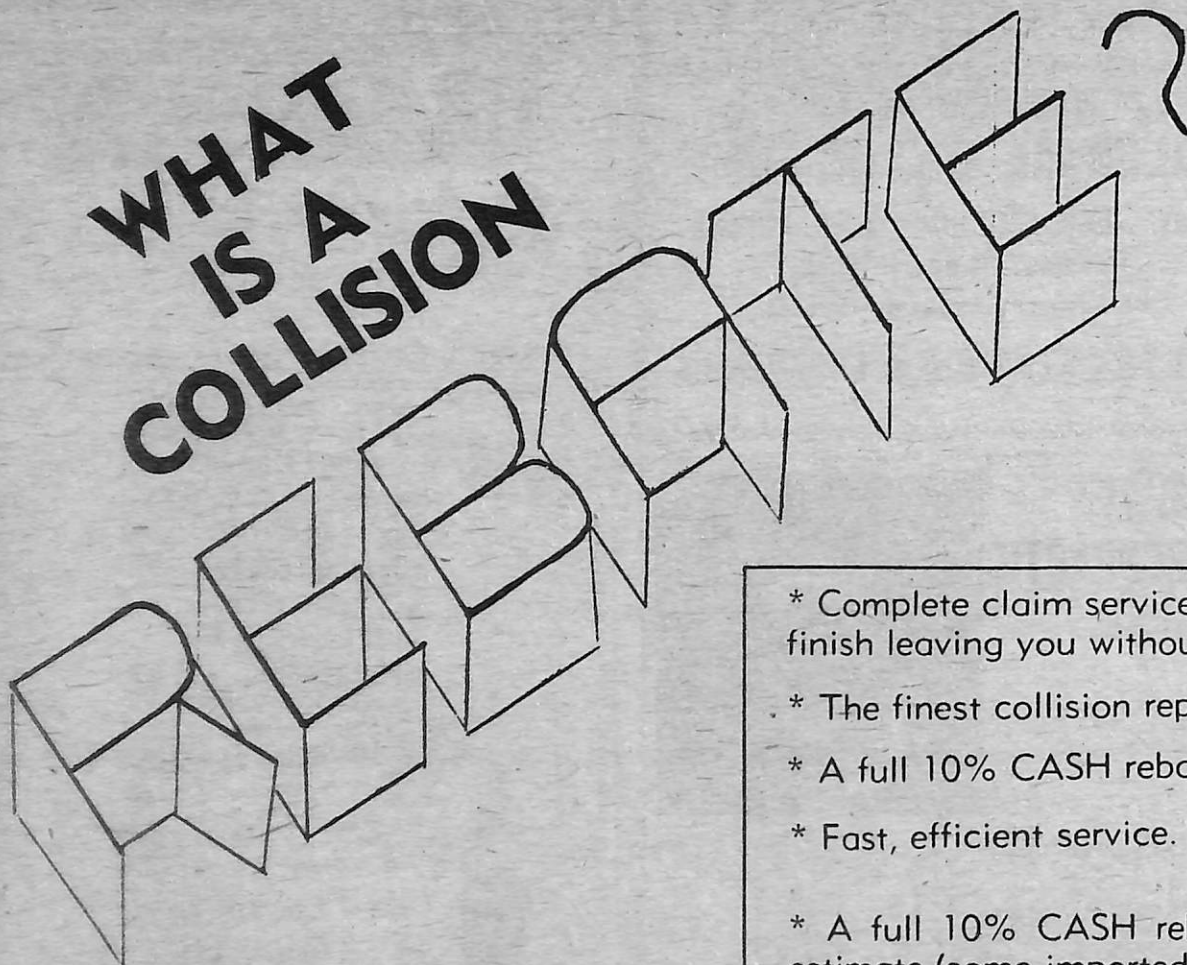
Thompson says the team's attitude couldn't be better despite the losing record.

"I told the guys that were not going to turn into winners overnight. That happens on television, not in real life." He added, "When you wrestle the best you have to become better and that's the attitude we're taking this year. If we learn something new in every match and show improvement then I think we've accomplished something."

Southwick previous three losses were to powerhouse Classical, Amherst and defending two-time Western Mass. champion Putnam Vocational.

The second half was somewhat tighter but Palmer's huge deficit was too much to overcome and Southwick cruised to their present 7-0 status.

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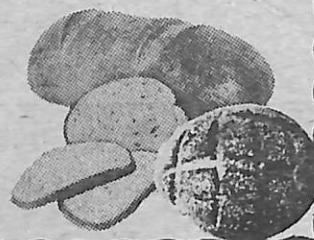
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Suffield Recreation Department

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A **GIRLS COMPREHENSIVE FITNESS CLASS** for girls in grade 8 through high school will be offered on Wednesdays beginning January 20 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the McAlister Middle School Gymnasium. The program will run for 10 weeks. The fee is \$10.00.

A **RACQUETBALL** program for boys and girls in grades 6, 7, and 8 will begin on January 20 and 21 and will continue for eight weeks on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Students will be transported to and from the Winfield Racquetball Courts in Windsor Locks by the Recreation Department. Pre-registration is necessary. A fee of \$3 per week will be charged.

The **SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM** facilities are open to adults and high school students for self-organized basketball games on Saturdays from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. The program is now underway and will continue through March 14. Shower facilities are available. No pre-registration is necessary. No fee will be charged.

A **CO-ED RECREATIONAL PROGRAM** of active games and sports activities for students grades four through eight is currently being offered through March 14. The program runs every Saturday from 9:00 - Noon at the Suffield High School Gym. The fee is \$7.

A six week course in **SEAT WEAVING** will be offered beginning January 21. Participants will use natural cane to complete one chair seat. This is a good opportunity to cane your antique or refinished chair. The classes will be held at the Suffield High School cafeteria on Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Pre-registration is necessary and a fee of \$20 is being charged.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE INDOOR SOCCER are now organized on a weekly basis at the Suffield High School gym through March 14. The men's leagues run from 5:00 to 7:00 pm followed by the women from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The fee is \$7 for the Sunday activity.

MEN'S OVER 30 FREEPLAY BASKETBALL & VOLLEYBALL are now underway every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the McAlister Middle School gym for the next 14 weeks. No pre-registration is necessary and no fee will be charged. The league is self-organized in basketball and volleyball.

RACQUETBALL FOR WOMEN begins January 21 and runs through March 11. Women interested in playing can enjoy their mornings at the Winfield Racquetball Courts in Windsor Locks, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. The program consists of lesson, court time and the use of a jacuzzi and sauna. Pre-registration is necessary and a fee of \$4.50 per week will be charged.

Windsor Locks Thumps Suffield

By Rick McCarty

Powerhouse Windsor Locks trounced the Suffield Wildcats 62-44 in a boys basketball game held at Suffield High on Friday, January 8th.

Senior Ed Staron starred for the Raiders as he scored 27 points in leading Locks to a 7-1 record.

Suffield coach Fran Aniello was pleased with the Wildcat effort, but thought the game was dictated by Staron. "He put the ball in any time he wanted to," said Aniello.

For the 1-7 Wildcats, the name of the game was foul trouble. With top scorers Roger Hawes and David Simmons in foul trouble early on in the contest, Suffield was burned by the hot shooting of Windsor Locks.

A bright spot for the Wildcats was senior Tom Morrison, a 6'1" forward, who played his best game of the season, scrapping at both ends of the court.

Gymnasts Looking To Improve

By Dawn Cummock

Suffield High's girls gymnastics team has been defeated three times this season, but judging them by their attitude and spirit you would have to believe they were in first place. The team is 0-3 but are improving every day.

The girls scored adequately well in their first meet against Farmington, improved in their output against Windsor, and took a tumble against strong Stafford in their most recent meet on January 12.

In the meet against Farmington, Suffield's Tracey Benoit scored 7.8 in vaulting earning her a second place in that event. Farmington placed over Suffield in all other events.

In the Suffield/Windsor meet the contest was a closer one. Suffield's Tracey Benoit took third place in vaulting with Windsor's Julie Litaz placing second and Ellen Weisse placing first. On the next event, the uneven parallel bars, Windsor's Kim Sevenoff placed third and Tracey Benoit tied for second with Windsor's Brenda Prince.

Suffield's Dawn Cummock took first place in the uneven parallel bars and Tracey Benoit placed first on the balance beam. Wildcat Lynn Kolnsberg grabbed a third to compliment Benoit's performance in that event.

Benoit again piled up the points with a second in the floor exercise with Windsor's Brenda Prince snaring the first place honors and Jenny Storely placing third.

In Suffield's most recent meet against defending NCCC champion Stafford, the results were not as pleasing for Suffield. Stafford placed first in all the events and defeated the locals 127.45 to 89.75.



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